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Mr. Patrick Hamblin
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**RE: Mullins Rubber Products, Inc., Site Inspection
CERCLIS ID OHN000510489**

Dear Mr. Hamblin:

The Site Inspection (SI) for Mullins Rubber Products, Inc. site (Site) was completed by Ohio EPA under a cooperative agreement with U.S. EPA, Region 5. Ohio EPA performed this work to determine if the site is of National Priority List (NPL) caliber. US EPA Approved the SI work plan on October 5, 2010.

Ohio EPA performed ground water sampling on November 2 and December 20, 2010. A total of nine samples, including duplicate and background samples, were collected on-site. The samples were analyzed through the U.S EPA Contract Laboratory Program (CLP) and Ohio EPA's contract laboratory for volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Sample results indicated significant levels of tetrachloroethene (PCE) and lower levels of trichloroethylene (TCE) in several of the on-site ground water monitoring wells. The Site has used TCE in their operations for many years; however, there is no documentation that the company has historically used PCE. The 156 ug/L of PCE in the deep, high yielding production well (GW-7) suggests a possible off site source of PCE.

Therefore, Ohio EPA recommends that an Expanded Site Inspection is appropriate and necessary to further assess environmental threats in and around the Site and to determine if Mullins Rubber Products is a source of the contamination to the surrounding aquifer or if the contamination is emanating from another site.

Please feel free to contact me at (614) 836-8756 or by e-mail at ed.gortner@epa.state.oh.us if you have any questions regarding Ohio's recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Gortner", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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